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A copy of each listed document is attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

(a) JP-B2-2778460: The relevance of this document can be understood from the English language abstract attached thereto, the figures therein, and the discussion at page 1 of the present application.

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	JP-B2-02-2778460	May 8, 1998	Japan			abstract
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